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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title):

Inquiry Management System, Inquiry Management Method, Inquiry Sorting

System and Inquiry Sorting Method

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23 pages of Specification/Claims 1-16/Abstract are attached.

Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-8; 8 sheet(s)) is/are attached.

A Preliminary Amendment is attached.

Priority of foreign application No. 2003-023349 filed January 31, 2003 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

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Certified copies of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

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BASIC FEE	14 t \$	- 本本小小本本	
TOTAL CLAIMS	22 - 20	= 2	
INDEP CLAIMS	4 - 3	= 1	
☑ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			

	SMALL ENTITY		
	RATE	FEE	<u>OR</u>
		\$ 385	<u>OR</u>
	x 9 =	\$	<u>OR</u>
	x 43 =	\$	<u>OR</u>
	+145 =	\$	<u>OR</u>
•	TOTAL	\$	<u>OR</u>

LARGE ENTITY		
RATE	FEE	
* * * +	\$ 770	
x 18	\$ 36	
x 86	\$ 86	
+290	\$290	
TOTAL	\$ 1182	

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